

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 237 – SB 39

May 27, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (008968): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and deletes the requirement that a parenting plan is agreed to by a guardian ad litem, if one has been appointed by the court, prior to the court approving the plan. Authorizes the court to consider any evidence submitted by a guardian ad litem when determining whether the proposed parenting plan is in the best interest of the child.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant

Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Deleting the requirement for a guardian ad litem to approve parenting plans may result in less time needed for divorce hearings in the state and local courts. Any decrease in time will not result in a significant decrease in state or local expenditures.
- Reviewing the evidence provided by a guardian ad litem may result in an increase in time needed for divorce hearings in the state and local courts. Any increase in time will not result in a significant increase in state or local expenditures.
- The net impact on the expenditures of the state and local court systems is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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